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SUBJECT: MOVEMENTS UNDER USG ACCOUNTS IN ICEM REFUGEE LOAN FUND

REF: (A) GENEVA 5402; (B) STATE 162698; (C) GENEVA 4840

FOR RMRC

1. APPRECIATE INFO REF A ON STATUS SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 1 (NON-EUROPEAN), SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 2 (USR) AND SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 3 (REFUGEES EX-USSR).

2. OUR COMMENTS ON PARA 2 REFTEL (A), NOTES TO LOAN FUND ACCOUNTS, FOLLOW:

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3. ACCOUNT NO. 1.

A. ONGOING MOVEMENTS. WE CONSIDER 50,000 DOLS. REPLENISHMENT ESSENTIAL TO COVER ONGOING MOVEMENTS IN THIS ACCOUNT, BY TRANSFER OF THIS AMOUNT FROM ACCOUNT NO. 2. MISSION AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE TRANSFER AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

B. BURMESE MOVEMENTS. WE BELIEVE IT IS PREFERABLE TO ENCOURAGE THE SOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN FUNDING THE BURMESE MOVEMENTS TO CONTINUE TO DO SO, RATHER THAN TAKE OVER THE

RESPONSIBILITY FROM THEM, BY CO-MINGLING THESE MOVEMENTS WITH THOSE WE FINANCE IN ACCOUNT NO. 1. HOWEVER, SINCE ACCORDING TO ICEM THE EXISTING FUND UTILIZED FOR THE BURMESE MOVEMENTS IS BEING EXHAUSTED, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE 50,000 DOLS. TO THAT FUND (BY TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT NO. 2). THIS WOULD PERMIT THE MOVEMENTS TO CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED WHILE ICEM SEEKS MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE ORIGINAL SOURCES (NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL, LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION) OR OTHER SOURCES.

C. CHILEAN REFUGEES. IN ORDER TO FUND THIS MOVEMENT (PROBABLY THROUGH ACCOUNT NO. 1), WE URGENTLY NEED DETAILED ESTIMATE, INCLUDING TRANSPORT, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, AND TIME FRAME ON WHICH TO BASE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION REQUEST. REQUEST MISSION SUPPLY ASAP. DATA CONTAINED IN REF A IS TOO BRIEF FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND NOT CLEAR TO US.

4. ACCOUNT NO. 2.

A. CYPRIOT MOVEMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE REF (B), FUNDS FOR CYPRIOT MIGRATION BEING REQUESTED BY ICEM FROM AID, AND THEREFORE ACCOUNT NO. 2 WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

B. AFTER 50,000 DOLS. FROM ACCOUNT NO. 2 IS TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNT NO. 1 FOR REPLENISHMENT AND IF 50,000 DOLS. IS TRANSFERRED FOR BURMESE MOVEMENTS, THIS WOULD LEAVE AN EST. CASH BALANCE IN ACCOUNT NO. 2 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975, OF 235,495 DOLS.

5. ACCOUNT NO. 3.

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MOVEMENTS EX-USSR TO ISRAEL. WE ARE DISTURBED THAT JAI 1,287,643 DOLS. REPAYMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 30, 1975, IS OVERDUE, AND THAT JAI HAS REQUESTED TWO-YEAR DELAY IN REPAYMENTS. WE APPRECIATE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ISRAEL WHICH ICEM DESCRIBES IS BASIS FOR JAI'S REQUEST. TO HELP OFFSET THESE DIFFICULTIES, THE U.S. IS PROVIDING ISRAEL IN CY 1975 35 MILLION DOLS. FOR THE SOVIET IMMIGRANT BURDEN ALONE, INCLUDING ONE MILLION

DOLS. TO ICEM FOR TRANSPORT. JAI AGREED THAT THE TRANSPORT WAS TO BE ON A LOAN BASIS, IN KEEPING WITH OUR INTEREST IN SEEING THAT ALL ONGOING REFUGEE MOVEMENTS WHICH WE ASSIST ARE CARRIED OUT ON A LOAN BASIS. THIS AGREEMENT AND THIS PRINCIPLE WOULD BE UNDERMINED WERE WE TO AGREE TO EITHER A DELAY OR TO PER CAPITA SUBSIDIES. REQUEST MISSION ADVISE ICEM TO PURSUE STEADFASTLY WITH JAI PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE 1,287,643 DOLS., WHICH, JAI ARGUMENTS TO THE CONTRARY, IS WELL WITHIN THE CAPABILITY

OF THE GOI. FYI - WE WILL HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY FURTHER PAYMENTS ON OUR PLEDGES TO THIS ACCOUNT UNTIL THIS PROBLEM IS RESOLVED. END FYI.

6. FOR CARLIN: PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING. KISSINGER

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